

## Google Wants to Get into Your Genes

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The Biotech startup **23andMe** aims to take genomic analysis up a notch, up several notches really, by bringing genomics down to a personal level backed by 21st century technology. In an SEC filing in May 2007 it was disclosed that **Google** floated 23andMe a whopping \$3.9 million in addition to an previous *loan* of \$2.6 million. [Via **Bio-IT World**]

As it turns out, this is not mere business nor even coincidence since 23andMe's co-founder Anne Wojcicki is none other than the wife of Google co-founder Sergey Brin.

Wojcicki briefly commented that her goal is to use proprietary software tools, "to allow individuals to gain deeper insights into their ancestry, genology, and inherited traits and, ultimately, the option to work together to advance the overall understanding of the human genome."

As a software engineer and former biologist, I'm all for it. I wish Google and 23andMe many years of happiness and bliss together. Now if 23andMe only had an office in Boston...

*(Funnily enough, the URL for the **Bio-IT article** ends with **first base**. >insert Beavis and Butthead snickering< \*hee hee\*)*